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The density functional calculations give the gas phase heat of formation, which we convert to the solid state value by subtracting the heat of sublimation. We obtain the latter by means of the relationship that we have developed between the heat of sublimation and the computed electrostatic potential on the molecular surface [3].

The heat of formation of 3 was calculated for four different molecular geometries. Three of these were DF/BP86/6-31G\*\* re-optimizations of HF/6-31G\* structures sent by H. L. Ammon, University of Maryland, who imposed  $C_i$ ,  $C_2$  and no symmetry, to correspond to three polymorphs of 3. We maintained the same constraints in the re-optimizations. The fourth geometry was computed directly at the DF/BP86/6-31G\*\* level, with no imposed symmetry. Since the heats of formation obtained for these four structures covered a range of less than 4 kcal/mole, we will report only the results corresponding to the one with lowest energy; this is the density functional re-optimization of the HF/6-31G\* geometry with no symmetry imposed.

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